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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749368 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DUAL-LAYERED DISPOSABLE GARMENT HAVING AN OPTIMIZED FASTENING SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/750402 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DUAL-LAYERED DISPOSABLE GARMENT."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/743245 filed December 22, 2003, by Maldonado et al. for "EXTENSIBLE AND STRETCH LAMINATES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

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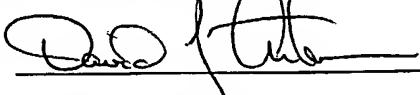
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